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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARK PAFFORD HEADS BACK TO SCHOOL  
TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND HOW TO MAKE THEIR IDEAS COUNT**

WEST PALM BEACH, FL – Representative Mark Pafford (D-West Palm Beach) visited H.L. Johnson Elementary School in Royal Palm Beach today to talk to 160 fifth-grade students about how their ideas count. Rep. Pafford led a discussion on civics as part of America's Legislators Back to School Program.

The program is part of a nationwide effort to educate young people about how our system of democracy works and to engage them in the government process. Rep. Pafford joins more than 1,200 state legislators from across the country in the 10th annual event sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures' Trust for Representative Democracy.

"This program brings the legislature to life for our students," Rep. Pafford said. "All of us have a responsibility to reach out to students of this generation and explain the promise and benefits of our democracy."

Partners in the America's Legislators Back to School Program include: The American Association of School Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Center for Civic Education, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, National Council for the Social Studies, National Education Association, National Middle School Association, National School Boards Association and the Reading Recovery Council of North America.

NCSL is the bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the states, commonwealths and territories. It provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues and is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of the states in the American federal system.

Rep. Pafford serves Florida House District 88, which includes the Palm Beach County communities of West Palm Beach, Haverhill, Lake Worth, Royal Palm Beach and Greenacres.

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